

FISCAL NOTE

HB 4199 - SB 4200

March 2, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Deletes the requirement that a certificate be issued by the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) following the payment of Underground Storage Tank (UST) fees. Extends TDEC's supervision duties to include petroleum delivery. Broadens the authority of TDEC's discretion for the use of the Tennessee Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Fund if such decisions result in a reduction in clean-up costs. Places a cap on clean-up costs of \$1,000,000 per site, per occurrence. Removes fee payments as the basis for eligibility for reimbursement of clean-up costs. Broadens the eligibility pool for board members. Authorizes TDEC to commence court actions against responsible parties in certain cases.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

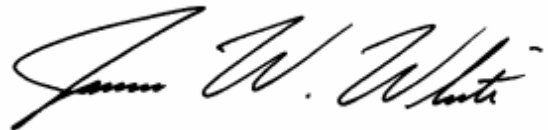
Other Fiscal Impact – According to TDEC, passage of this bill will prevent a potential loss of federal funds for non-compliance of state UST law with the Federal Energy Act of 2005. Removing fee payments as the basis of eligibility will allow TDEC to meet new federal requirements for determining eligibility without having to hire more staff.

Assumption:

- Any increase in administration cost to TDEC is estimated to be not significant and can be handled utilizing existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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